



SVGS Library Report for March 2014

The SVGS Library collection continues to grow. Several boxes of genealogy books were donated to the SVGS collection in February and March by: JoAnn Duckworth's estate by Rhonda Duckworth, Zayna Cline, Betty Tartas and Bill Meander. We thank all of these individual donors for contributing to our collection.

To show our appreciation for former SVGS president for her leadership for two terms, SVGS purchased a new book in her honor: "Family Photo Detective" by Maureen Taylor. Thank you Dottie for your service to SVGS.

The paper files of family histories and photographs that were contributed to SVGS for inclusion in the publication of the two family history books: *Skagit County and Its People* are now archived at the Burlington Library in SVGS' allocated cabinets. These valuable documents are stored in the lateral file cabinets located in the center of the main library room adjacent to the database only computers. These cabinets are kept locked at all times to secure this valuable collection. *If you wish to access these files, please ask the Burlington Library reference desk librarian to unlock the files for you.* These materials may not be removed from the library. These materials are only for in-the-library reading, and research. If you have a specific question about any of these files please direct your questions to Dan Royal or Hazel Rasar, who are more familiar with the contents of those files.

See you at the SVGS Library!

Margie Wilson

SVGS Library Committee Chair

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Just a friendly reminder that dues are now due for the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. In the event you may have already paid, it is possible that they were sent in and just haven't reached me yet. Our year goes from Jan. 1st through Dec. 31st. Dues this year have raised to \$15.00 for single membership and \$20.00 for family membership. Christine Cooper

Check out our redesigned web page at skagitvalleygenealogy.org

President's Message

Can you believe it? Almost a quarter of 2014 done flashed by. As a society we are working hard to get our 2014 Spring Seminar organized. We have a place and we have speakers lined up. All we need is to advertise and have the people come. There is more detail in this newsletter.

At our last board meeting, we plan on tidying up the last pieces to complete Book 2 of the book project. Dan says we need to think about ordering more books to sell.

We are working on developing and offering a series of "Basic Genealogy" classes. We will be offering new classes starting in Anacortes in the very near future. Stay tuned for more information.

The ROOTS project is still going well. On March 20, 2014 the students and mentors will be traveling to Seattle to NARA and to the Seattle Public Library. Promises to be an educational and fun day.

Finally, Judy Hakins, Margie Wilson and I took the two evening Wordpress class offered by Skagit Valley College. Lots of new things have been added to our new website, skagitvalleygenealogy.org. Be sure to take a look.

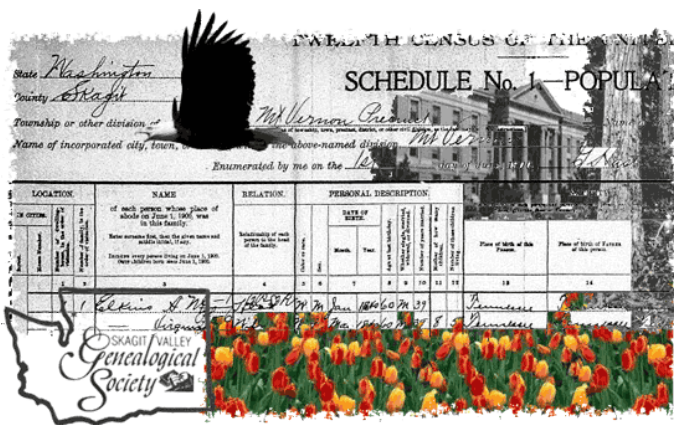
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SVGS President/Webmaster

Needed New Volunteers

Our genealogists is looking for new volunteers to train to help with research requests when she is gone. If interested please give Diane Partington a call at 360-336-5832 or send her an email at nonie.dl@comcast.net



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Your advice is needed. If you have suggestions of program topics for next year. Or if you just can't wait to present a program yourself, please contact Carol Torset at torset@comcast.net or 360-856-2410. She will happily take your ideas to heart.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter accepts business card size advertisement. The cost will be \$10.00 per issue and the editor can help put one together for you if you don't have something ready.

If anyone would like queries or surnames to be posted in the newsletter, please send to... *Ye Editor*

2014 Annual Seminar

"*GENEALOGY FOR EVERYONE*"

We have missed a year or two but when we checked back on our calendars this will be our 11th Annual Seminar. We have reserved the First United Methodist Church at 1607 E. Division in Mount Vernon for June 14. Our speakers have been scheduled. Donna Potter-Phillips from Spokane will be with us as will Dave Obee from Victoria, B.C. We will also have sessions that we hope will interest beginners. Two of our society members, Barbara Johnson and Rita Schulze will be having sessions as will Judy Bayless of Bellingham. Barbara and Judy have been active in the Roots project. Whatever your level of researching we hope you will join us and enjoy our upcoming seminar. We are planning early registration to begin in mid April. Watch for further information

Some Humor and Facts

There is a fine
Line between a
Packrat and a
Serious family

If you think your family
Is normal, you probably
Aren't a genealogist.

Here are a few laws that were on the books and some still are.

Virginia Laws:

It is against the law to have a bathtub inside, they must be outside.

In any eating establishment, it is illegal to flip a coin to see who will buy a cup of coffee.

Tennessee Laws:

It is illegal for frogs to croak after 11pm

It is illegal for a woman to drive by herself in Memphis.

A man must walk or run in front of the vehicle, waving a red flag in order to warn approaching pedestrians and motorists.

North Carolina:

Persons in possession of illegal substances must pay taxes on them.

If a man and a woman who aren't married go to a hotel/motel and register themselves as married, then according to state law, they are legally married.

2014 Washington State Genealogy Conference

The 2014 Washington State Genealogy Conference will be August 15th and 16th at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center located in Arlington, Washington. The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society is this year's host. The registration fee is only \$75 (\$70 early registration for Washington State Genealogical Society members) so attendees from out of town can afford to stay overnight. This is a 2 day conference that anyone interested in research and family history will not want to miss.* Online Registration opens March 15th* at www.stillygen.org. Some class sizes are limited so early registration is highly recommended.

Following a full day of classes D. Joshua Taylor of NBC's Emmy nominated *"Who Do You Think You Are?"* and PBS's *"Genealogy Roadshow"* will address the crowd at Friday's banquet with an exciting and poignant topic on the future of genealogy entitled *"Gen Y and The Family Tree."* Saturday he will conduct three different presentations, focusing on methodology and advanced online search techniques. Josh is an internationally known genealogical author, lecturer and researcher.

With over 23 sessions, this conference will help you destroy your brick walls, advance your skills, and further your research by featuring some of the best genealogy speakers in the northwest and the nation. Speakers will explore methodology, technology and DNA. Some will demonstrate great techniques, others the use of technology, plus some will explain how you can incorporate science into your research.

You will find the lineup of speakers and so much more at www.wsgs2014conference.com you can also find info on Facebook at WSGS2014Conference

Comb Binding ...

For members, The society owns a comb binding machine. If you call Dan Royal @ 360-826-6141 he will make arrangements to bind your pages into a book for you. Cost is: \$1.00 per book to cover supplies.

Reap the rewards of relatives' genealogy research in online family tree databases.

The online family tree collections that are listed below have billions of names. Most of these databases have a lot of duplicates, so the number of unique persons is much lower. Searching in one of these databases might even tie you to a tree that instantly extends your pedigree back several generations. You may be able to find names, dates and places; old documents, photos attached to a profile. Remember to always double check your leads, because not all are correct, but they may still help lead you in a direction to help you. Some are free and some have a free basic account while others may cost money.

Ancestry Member Trees:

Public Trees: search.ancestry.com/search/db/asp?dbid=1030

Private Trees: search.ancestry.com/search/db/asp?dbid=1006

2.1 billion names in Public Trees; 769 million in Private Trees.

Family Search Family Tree:

www.familysearch.org/tree

900 million names

FamilySearch Genealogies:

familysearch.org/family-trees

240 million names

GeneaNet

www.geneanet.org

654 million names

Genes Reunited

www.genesreunited.com

236 millions names

Geni

www.geni.com

73 million names

Mundia.com

www.mundia.com

2.1 billion names (this site claims 5.3 billion, but that number includes living people, who come up in searches as "private")

My Trees

www.mytress.com

307 million names

MyHeritage

www.myheritage.com

1.5 billion names

RootsWeb WorldConnect Project

wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com

720 million names

Tribal Pages

www.tribalpages.com

115 million names

This is from an article in Jan/Feb 2014 issue of Family Tree Magazine by Rick Crume

Fred Meyer's New Program

Fred Meyer has rewards points, fuel points and now community rewards. This is a new program where you help decide which organizations Fred Meyer supports. They will donate up to \$2.5 million a year.

Customers can enroll online at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and link their Rewards Card to the organization of their choice. The customer will continue to receive reward points, rebates and fuel points.

At the end of each quarter, Fred Meyer will make a donation to the participating nonprofits based on the accumulated spending of the Rewards customers linked to each nonprofit. If you would like to learn more you can go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society is enrolling in this program.

Most purchases qualify for Community Rewards but some items are not eligible: Those excluded are:

- Prescriptions
- Fred Meyer Gift Cards and Kroger Co Family Store Gift Cards
- Green Dot Prepaid Reloadable Products
- Bottle Deposits
- Lottery Tickets and promotional tickets
- Money Orders
- Western Union
- Fuel
- Sales Tax
- Tobacco

Headstone Heirlooms

You usually don't think of tombstones as heirlooms but they are historical artifacts that preserves information about your family. There is more to learn from them than what you might see in an online photo, says Joy Giguere, a trustee of the Association for Gravestones Studies

www.gravestonestudies.org

Besides names and dates what should a genealogist look for in the cemeteries?

Gravestones can tell you about society at the time they were created such as the material, and carving are just one of the things

There are clues on restoring and or repairing a tombstone, cleaning the stones, advice on QR (Quick Response) codes, like laser etching and other modern technology. There are some books listed on clue for different times and places such as **Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography** by Douglas Keister.

This is just part of the article that is in the Family Tree

1921 Canada Census— ready to explore.

Search 8.8 million new records from the Roaring Twenties.

Discover your family story during this iconic era in the most recently released census of Canada. Find new information such as names, ages, and occupations of your ancestors—available only at Ancestry.com.



Would You Qualify as a Witch in 1692?

The Salem Witch Trials of 1692 accused many of practicing witchcraft, almost all of them on evidence we would consider to be "shaky" today. If you were around in 1692, what are the odds that YOU would be so accused? And, if found guilty, hanged?

Leah Beckman has written an eye-opening article describing the things that could be used against you and identify you as a witch. You can find her article at <http://www.mentalfloss.com/article/55276/17-signs-you-d-qualify-as-a-witch-1692>.

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Friday & Saturday
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday – Closed

SVGS Library Collection

located here. SVGS Volunteers available on Mondays from 11:00–1:00 to assist with questions.

Margie Wilson—SVGS Librarian



Washington State Archives is Running Out of Space to Store its History

The Washington State Archives is overflowing with boxes of records and other items worth preserving. As a result, each new box of historic materials generated by the Inslee administration forces a box of older keepsakes from preceding executives, state leaders, Supreme Court justices and others to be shifted around in the 47,000-square-foot building, or shipped out. Birth, death, and marriage records are also crammed into the diminishing available space.

Secretary of State Kim Wyman, who oversees the archives, is seeking \$250,000 for a study to put a new facility in the Olympia area to house the archives and state library. She's also asked for \$105,900 to secure a multi-year lease for 25,000 square feet of warehouse space and \$707,500 to pay for shelving and equipment. This week, she got the good news that the Senate and the House had each included money in their proposed supplemental budgets.

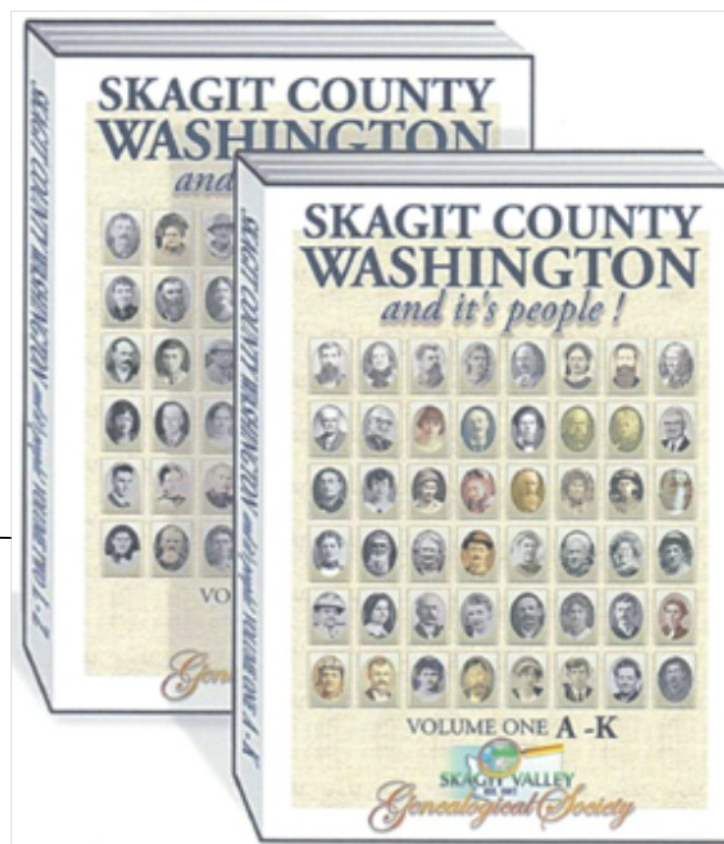
You can read much more in an article by Jerry Cornfield published in the Daily Herald of Everett, Washington, at <http://goo.gl/hjs27i>.

Posted by [Dick Eastman](#) on March 03, 2014

ARRIVALS AT CASTLE GARDEN

[From the Bureau County Tribune 29 March 1889]

New York, March 25.—Four steamships landed 1,930 immigrants at Castle Garden Sunday. The Etruria, Liverpool, brought 746, LaChampagne, from Harve, 596, City of Chicago, from Liverpool, 303, and Polynesia, from Hamburg, 286.



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LOOKING AROUND FOR A WAY TO GET MORE GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION?

Why not try a Webinar?

Legacy Family Tree has just announced their Free Webinar Schedule for 2014, Yes, I said FREE!

Here is what is up for January 2014

What's New In Legacy Family Tree 8, by Geoff Rasmusen.

Are You a GOON: What is a One-Name Study and Why Do One?

By Kirsty Gray

Too Many with the Same Name, by Karen Clifford

Irish Research 101, by Judy Wight

Ten Reasons Your Ancestor Was in Canada, by Kathryn L. Hogan.

For what is coming up and how to sign up, just go here:

<http://www.familytreewebinars.com/>

Orders for Microfilm and Fiche Will Be Restricted During April, 2014

The Granite Mountain Vault will be shifting a large amount of films into their newly renovated space. This entails moving half a million rolls of film, and numerous cabinets of fiche and digital media. Since it will be risky to pull items during this time, the Family History Library will not be able to order microfiche or any microfilms above 1,881, 705. Film and fiche with numbers less than 1,881,704 and lower can still be ordered.

Woman's Fashion 1840-1847

Bodice: Long and tight with fan-shaped gatherings; pointed in the front; back fastening.

Neckline: Wide, shallow, horizontal neckline; gradually gets narrower.

Sleeves: Long, tight to arm, with tight oversleeve on upper arms.

Accessories: Fingerless gloves; gold watches on a long chain; caps and bonnets; ribbon bracelets.

Hair: Large combs; center part; close to head; long ringlets

Men's Fashion 1840-1850

Coats: Extra-long, narrow sleeve

Shirt: Dress; tailored white cotton, narrow sleeves; small color turned up under a tie

Work: colors and patterns or smocks

Necktie: Tied in a horizontal bowknot, dark colored

Trousers:

Hair & Beard: Ear-length, parted high at one side; clean shaven but fringe beards.

This is from the book Family Photo Detective by Maureen A. Taylor It is only a sample of excellent info on solving photos from the past.

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Upcoming Programs



March 25th @ 7:00 PM at the Burlington Senior Center: **"World War 1 and Genealogy Research"**

Carol Torset will talk on "World War I and Genealogy Research." 2014 marks the Centennial Year of the beginning of World War I. Carol will share information on the war and its impact on generations as well as burial sites and lost records.

April 22nd @ 7:00 PM at the Burlington Senior Center: **"DNA"**

Barbara Johnson will discuss why one should have a DNA test for genealogy. She will present a short, SIMPLE science background; then compare the pros and cons of various testing companies. She might even reveal her Neanderthal DNA results!

May 27th @ 7:00 PM at the Burlington Senior Center: **"Recap and Outcomes of the ROOTS Program"** from the instructor's perspective presented by Linda Larabee.

June 24th @ 7:00 PM at the Burlington Senior Center: **"Researching Land Records"** by Cori Russell, Records Management Coordinator, Skagit County Records Management.

September 23rd TBD

October 28th TBD



Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

presents

11th Annual Summer Seminar

Saturday, June 14, 2014 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
First United Methodist Church - 1607 E. Division
Mount Vernon, WA 98274
Handicap Accessible

"Genealogy for Everyone"



themes are motivational and beginners.

Dave Obee – is a journalist and genealogical researcher. He has written a dozen books and given more than 400 presentations at conferences and seminars in Canada and the United States since 1997. He has received many commendation for his numerous volunteer hours.



what she's learned including her Neanderthal DNA results

Barbara Johnson - An SVGS member she has a degree in microbiology and did research at the University of Washington. She has been researching her family for about 20 years and taken 3 different DNA tests. She will share



both large and small groups.

Rita Schulze - as a member of SVGS Rita has taught Beginning Genealogy for several years. She has been researching her family for many years mostly without a computer and continues her research. She has taught this class several times to

Judy Bayless - a member of Whatcom GS she has been a speaker for genealogy societies, & libraries and has given seminars for groups of beginning genealogists. With the expanding interest in genealogy as a result of the ever-increasing amount of information on the Internet, she is passionate about teaching sound research techniques to those new to genealogy.



Walk-ins welcome

PDF Syllabus will be emailed to attendees

<input type="checkbox"/> \$35 SVGS Member Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Non-member registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45 after June 1st by mail, online and at the door
<input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Box Lunch with a Turkey Sandwich, seasonal fruit, chips & a cookie	<input type="checkbox"/> Bring your own Lunch	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Box Lunch with Deli Club Sandwich with Roast Beef, Turkey, Bacon & cheese, seasonal fruit, chips & cookie		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Citrus Green Salad, with fruit & raisins	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1 add rotisserie chicken to salad	
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